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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: AT&T Inc. and T-Mobile USA's proposed merger, WT Proceeding - No. 11-65

Dear Commissioners:

I appeal to you today as a small business owner who believes the acquisition of T-Mobile USA by AT&T would result in a much-needed improvement in mobile communications service for businesspeople like me. I ask that you please take my comments into consideration as you review this proposed merger.

I am president of Johnson Timber, which is based in Hayward, WI and has assets throughout northwest Wisconsin. We are a family-owned business, and we pride ourselves on the first-rate quality of our product and our customer service.

To some extent, however, the quality of our customer service is out of our hands. If our phone loses a customer mid-call or our email is too slow to respond to a potential client in a timely manner, we find ourselves at a loss to deliver service that truly reflects our commitment to our customers. Currently, network issues cause us communications problems too often, disrupting the day-to-day running of our business.

Therefore, my business will benefit greatly from the expanded 4G LTE network that AT&T will establish once it merges with T-Mobile USA. The expansion planned upon completion of the merger likely would not happen for my rural part of the state without the merger. The improvement in service that it promises will be important for us, because quicker connections and broader network coverage will help us bring our responsiveness to customers to the level we want.

On behalf of Johnson Timber and companies like ours, I ask that you allow AT&T to acquire T-Mobile USA and get its 4G LTE expansion underway. Small businesses like Johnson Timber are already anticipating the results.